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Community-Wide Water Conservation Efforts Requested January 11-13 and January 18-20, 2013

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The City of Santa Barbara's Cater Water Treatment Plant treats drinking water and provides water supplies for the City of Santa Barbara and Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water Districts. A \$20 Million Ozonation Project is currently being constructed at the Cater Water Treatment Plant in response to more stringent federal drinking water regulations. To accommodate the Ozonation Project's construction, two three-day shutdowns of the Water Treatment Plant are required. The shutdowns are being planned for two consecutive weekends (Friday-Sunday) in January. The specific shutdown dates are January 11-13 and January 18-20, 2013.

During the shutdowns, drinking water production will be suspended; however, the City of Santa Barbara's 13 reservoirs will be filled to their maximum capacities, and augmented with limited water supplies from the City's wells and neighboring water agencies. The community is being asked to make concerted efforts to conserve water during the shutdowns to ensure everyone has uninterrupted water supplies while the Water Treatment Plant is off line.

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